

BUDGET COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Budget Committee of Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on April 30, 2001 in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium at 2:45 P. M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Cameron Alden, Chairman
Legislator David Bishop, Vice Chairman
Legislator Michael Caracciolo, Member

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Paul Sabatino, Counsel to the Legislature
Todd Johnson, County Executive's Office
Linda Burkhardt, Aide to Presiding Office
Ken Knappe, County Executive's Budget Office
Fred Pollert, Director of Budget Review Office
Allan Grecco, Department of Real Estate
All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Eileen Schmidt, Legislative Secretary

(Budget Committee meeting commenced at 2:55 P. M.)

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Good afternoon and welcome to Budget. We don't have any cards so we'll cut right to the action. We have a couple of tabled resolutions. First one we have is 1132-01 Amending the Adopted 2001 Operating Budget and transferring funds in connection with lot clean-ups. Assigned to Budget and Ways & Means (Postal)

LEGISLATOR CARACCILO:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Motion to table by Legislator Caracciolo second by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? 1132 stands tabled. (Vote: 3-0) 1135-01 Legislator Bishop.

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

I don't know why Allan ran out. Can I -- Mr. Grecco, your presence is required.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Yeah, this one actually might be one we want to do, but you just did one Dave. Didn't you just do a lot clean-up transfer bill?

MR. GRECCO:

(Inaudible)

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

Yeah, I need you for Budget if you'd answer a question about lot clean-ups. Fight for your department, Grecco, huh. Two or three budget cycles ago, Mr. Chairman, I put into the Operating Budget an amendment which was adopted probably within an Omnibus for money to be provided to the Real Estate Division to do lot clean-ups. And these lot clean-ups are in preparation for demolitions for parcels that are now acquired through the County through tax

arrears or parcels that were getting ready to auction off.

And I suppose that what Legislator Postal is thinking to do is to release that money which to make it available to the department. Is that correct; does anybody -- can anybody help me there? Fred Pollert arrives in the nick of time. He'll help me.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

This is 1132.

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

1132. Come on, your computer memory in your head. Is it in that book?

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Otherwise -- Paul Sabatino's just arrived.

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

1132, Paul. Could you tell us what the intention is?

MR. SABATINO:

1132 was the \$20,000 coming from the 5-25-5 account and it was endorsed by Real Estate Division at the two committee meetings ago. It was tabled because it was coming from the 5-25-5.

LEGISLATOR CARACCILO:

Motion to table.

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

Mr. Chairman, let me give you an example of why you might not want to table this. If you don't do lot clean-ups the County runs a risk of a liability problems, for example in the Town of Babylon currently we have a county tree that is resting upon a resident's home and the money to clean that up would come from this -- from this fund.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

How much is this one for?

MR. GRECCO:

May I speak on this?

MR. SABATINO:

I think there's a little confusion --

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

What's the reason it's coming from 5-25-5?

MR. SABATINO:

The reason it's coming from 5-25-5 is because this is the kind of thing that you would want to do to avoid debt service or long term expenditure. It's not like it's being used as an offset; it's not as though some non 5-25-5 type of expenditure was looking for an offset --

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

Right, right, okay, then I think you convinced Legislator Caracciolo with your explanation. So I would make a motion to approve.

LEGISLATOR CARACCILO:

Second.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Wait a minute.

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

Oh, we need a motion to reverse what happened earlier --

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Motion to reconsider by Legislator Bishop second by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? It's before us again. Now we have a motion to approve by Legislator Bishop second by Legislator Caracciolo. All those in favor? Opposed? Okay, 1132 has been approved. (Vote: 3-0)

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

1135-01 Amending the Adopted 2001 Operating Budget and appropriating funds to implement Osteoporosis Testing Program in Suffolk County. Assigned to Budget and Health (Postal) Legislator Bishop.

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

Table.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Okay, this is Osteoporosis.

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

These are additions to the budget not like the last one, which is simply releasing money from a fund.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

So, will you make a motion to table on that?

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

Sure.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Second by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? 1135 I'm making a motion to table. Dave Bishop is making a motion -- I mean a second to that motion, so I'm the bad guy. So that's tabled. (Vote: 3-0) Okay, we have one more.

1140-01 Amending the Adopted 2001 Operating Budget and appropriating funds for Family Service League. Assigned to Budget and Social Services. (Postal) Any motions on this one?

LEGISLATOR BISHOP:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN ALDEN:

Second by myself. All those in favor? Opposed? 1140 remains tabled. (Vote: 3-0) Then we just have something tabled subject to call. Anybody else want to address the committee on any issues? If not I'm going to turn the baton over to Legislator Caracciolo who is the new chair of this committee. Congratulations and I'll have my staff send you all the backup on everything.

(Having no further business the Budget Committee was adjourned at 3:05 P.M.)

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